

At Dr. Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



Our stars of the week awards



06.10.17

Caterpillars	Ivy Froggatt	For consistent neat presentation of written work and for courage and enthusiasm during the Harvest festival.
Bees	Charlotte Hubberstey	For her responsible attitude towards her learning and always doing her very best.
Ladybirds	Evie-Rose Turner	For fantastic creativity in her writing in English.
Hedgehogs	Harry Donovan	For showing great responsibility in the classroom. Always wanting to help things stay organised and prepared for the whole class learning.
Badgers	Sam Franklin	Consistently challenging himself in all areas of learning.
Highest class attendance	Caterpillars - 98.2%	
Golden Broom For tidiest classroom	Bees	

New information regarding attendance

We all know how important it is for children to attend school as much as possible in order to make the best progress they can. We continue to strive hard to raise standards across the school and it is important for us all to work together, both parents and staff to help us get the best outcome for them. One of the ways that you can help is to ensure your child attends regularly and arrives on time. As part of our role we monitor this and we meet with parents if we have concerns. Improving the outcomes for children is vitally important, so attendance is and will continue to be a big focus for us. Obviously we understand there will always be situations where your child is not well enough to attend, but please keep the Office updated. Please note that as from Monday 9th if a child's attendance drops below 95% we will follow this up.

Meet the staff

Over the course of the next few newsletters we will be adding a short section introducing our members of staff some you will already know and some who have recently joined us.

Mrs Walker- Hedgehogs Class

Thank you for such a warm and welcoming start to Dr Walkers! I trained at Anglia Ruskin University where I specialised in Art alongside my teaching degree. I have a great deal of passion for all things creative and I can't resist getting the paints out or the sewing machine at home. As well as bringing this creativity into the classroom with Hedgehogs, I am looking forward to working with different groups of children across the school and overseeing the development of the curriculum.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to the fact that we do have children in the school who suffer with serious nut allergies, please can parents ensure that if they are sending their child in with a packed lunch, they check that it **does not contain any form of nuts or nut spreads such as Nutella**.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.



Flower arranging and Harvest Festival



On Wednesday the children in conjunction with the ladies from the church, took part in a mammoth flower arranging session in readiness for our Harvest Festival held on Thursday. It was a joyous afternoon with total concentration from the children who made the most spectacular flower displays.

On Thursday when we went to church and saw the flowers arranged around the church it was amazing. A very big thank you must go to the ladies of the church who helped make this happen. We aim to add some photographs onto the website and around school.

Thank you to those families who were able to join us and share in our Harvest Festival celebration on Thursday. The children did extremely well when they were performing their sections and coped magnificently when we had a technical hitch with the music! Thank you so much for all for the donations you provided, as Revd. Chris explained all donations will be going to the food bank in Harlow to help support families less fortunate than us.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Friday 29th September



Wow what a success!

The Macmillan coffee afternoon is a great way to raise funds for the amazing charity. Thank you to all who kindly donated yummy cakes and we raised a staggering £159.00. We really enjoyed the afternoon and are so grateful for the amount of money you donated.

Thank you from year 6

Thank you.
Regards
Fiona Reid

Diary dates

- Monday 9th October - Hedgehogs and Badgers will be attending a Shakespeare workshop in school.
- Wednesday 18th October you are invited to visit your child's class for an open class afternoon between 3.15 -4.15

Share your views through Parent View

If you are unable to come to the parent forums you can of course discuss matters with your child's class teacher, Deputy Head or Headteacher or alternatively you can share your views through Parent View. Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year *and* at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View. Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects of school life. Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at the School Office.